Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, On May 1, 1883, the South Dakota Territorial legislature passed a bill to form Sanborn County and it was named in honor of George W. Sanborn, Superintendent of the Milwaukee Railroad; and,

Whereas, On November 18, 1884, Woonsocket was declared the county seat of Sanborn County; and,

Whereas, Groundbreaking for the site of the present courthouse was held in 1907 and the dedication took place on May 22, 1908; and,

Whereas, Sanborn County is noted for abundant pheasant hunting and for its sandy soil which grows some of the sweetest melons in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The citizens of Sanborn County, including the communities of Artesian, Forestburg, Letcher, and Woonsocket, will celebrate 100 years of existence of the Sanborn County Courthouse on May 22, 2008:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2008, as

SANBORN COUNTY COURTHOUSE DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State